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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention through a search report rendered in the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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